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OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL.
23.10.62

CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEES 1961/62
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His Worship The Mayor: Councillor.Dilwyn Miles.

Deputy Mayor ; Councillor.The Very Rev.E.J.Green.MM.,VF.

Sheriff; Councillor.A.T.E.Kersey.

Chairman - Housing Committee;Alderman.L.H.Ellis.

Chairman - Public Health Committee;Alderman.Capt.R.G.Noott. J.P.

Chairman - Water Committee: Alderman.Lt.Col.R.F.Foster.TD., DL.

Chairman - Finance Committee; Councillor.R.D.Jones.

Chairman - Borough Committee: Councillor.C.B.James. (elected Alderman
27.3.62)

Other Members of the Council:

Alderman.J.A.Harries.
Councillor.T.H.Arran.
Councillor.C.T.Price.
Councillor.Colin O'Dare.
Councillor.Rev.R.E.Williams.
Councillor.E.Smart.
Councillor.Griff.C.Morgan.O.StJ.,F.R.I.S.
Councillor. Lt.Col.W.Barrett. M.B.E.

His Worship the Mayor: Councillor, Diwyn Miles.

Deputy Mayor: Councillor, The Very Rev. E. J. Green, M.A., V.P.

Sherriff: Councillor, A. T. E. Kenney.

Chairman - Housing Committee: Alderman, L. H. Ellis.

Chairman - Public Health Committee: Alderman, G. H. G. Hoof, J.P.

Chairman - Water Committee: Alderman, E. J. R. Foster, J.P., D.C.

Chairman - Finance Committee: Councillor, P. D. Jones.

Chairman - Borough Committee: Councillor, G. J. James. (elected Alderman 1962/63)

Other Members of the Council:

Alderman, J. A. Harris.
Councillor, T. H. A. Jones.
Councillor, A. T. Kenney.

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OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

		<u>Date of Appointment</u>
<u>Town Clerk & Solicitor:</u>	R. Ivor. Rees.	23.10.45
<u>Surveyor & Engineer:</u>	J. B. Henningway. F.R.I.C.S. M.I. Mun. E., M.R.S.H.	1.10.47
<u>Deputy Surveyor & Engineer:</u>	H. Ivor Thomas. M.I. Mun. E.	1.3.47
<u>Borough Treasurer:</u>	F. R. Lowther. F.C.A.	1. 4. 24.
<u>Chief Public Health Inspector:</u>	D. B. Evans. M.A.P.H.I.	20. 6. 38
<u>Addl. Public Health Inspector:</u>	G. W. Cole. M.A.P.H.I.	22. 3. 55
<u>Medical Officer of Health:</u>	Dr. W. J. Y. Speedy. M.B., B.Ch., L.R.C.P. & S., L.R.F.P. & S., D.P.H.	1.10. 47

General Information.

Offices

Town Clerk, Surveyor & Public Health Department

Picton House, 2 Picton Place, Haverfordwest.
Telephone: Haverfordwest 3288.

Borough Treasurer

Old Council Chambers, St Mary Street, Haverfordwest.
Telephone: Haverfordwest 2187.

Medical Officer of Health.

District Health Office, County Offices, Haverfordwest.
Telephone: Haverfordwest 3131.

Population: 8,690 (Mid 1961)

Rateable Value £119,646.

Acreage. 1, 420 acres,

Preface to the Report.

District Health Office.
County Offices.
Haverfordwest.

July, 1962.

To:- His Worship The Mayor,
Aldermen & Members of the
Haverfordwest Borough Council.

Mr Mayor & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure to present my Annual Report for the year 1961. Statistical details will be found in the body of the Report. The main items may be summarised as follows:-

Population. The estimated population again shows an appreciable increase over the preceding year. There has been a small, but steady increase in the population since 1947.

Births. The General Birth-Rate for the current year is the highest recorded over the past 15 years. For the past 6 years the Birth-Rate in the Borough has been much higher than the average National Rate. There was also a welcome fall in the number of Still Births as compared with the previous year. On the other hand the number of Illegitimate Births increased.

Deaths. The total number of deaths increased over the preceding year, and for the second time in the past 15 years exceeded 100. This is offset, to some extent, by the high proportion of deaths in the older age-groups. Also it was a particularly bad year for deaths from Cancer, the large number of these deaths vitally affected the statistics.

There was also an increase in accidental deaths, the majority of these being due to Home Accidents.

On the other hand there was a welcome fall in the number of Infant Deaths.

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis for the 9th successive year.

Infectious Diseases.

Apart from Measles, there was a low incidence of Infectious Disease during the year.

The outbreak of Smallpox in South Wales, towards the end of the year, caused some anxiety. Despite contact with the affected area, nothing untoward arose in the District. The rush for vaccination resulted in a high vaccinal state in the District, which should give a high degree of protection for several years.

We have always advocated that the optimal age for vaccination is in infancy. This fact will be appreciated by the many adults, being vaccinated for the first time, who have suffered considerably in consequence. The bulk of the vaccinations were carried out by the General Practitioners. It is a great tribute to them that they handled a difficult situation so smoothly & efficiently whilst still coping with their usual busy practices.

Water Supply. The average daily consumption of water for all purposes in the Borough is over 60 gallons per head of population. This is in excess of the generally recognised figure of 25/30 gallons. The District is fortunate to have a supply of this extent available.

Routine bacteriological sampling showed the water to be of a high standard of purity.

Meat Inspection. The number of animals killed, and carcasses inspected at the slaughterhouse increased by 1,395 over 1960. There are still many Re-actor cattle being referred for slaughter. It would appear that it will be some years before a Tuberculous bovine becomes a rarity.

In regard to construction & siting, the slaughterhouse cannot be considered satisfactory, and is one of the major problems confronting the Council.

Housing. The Council had an excellent Housing Programme for the years 1951 - 1956. Since then, however, the supply has failed to meet the demand. Whilst there are few really bad housing conditions in the Borough, one would like to see the continuous improvement which commenced during the years already stated.

There is still considerable overcrowding and this includes Council property. There are still many young couples living with 'in-laws'. There are still many elderly folk requiring convenient, compact, safe, and easily managed housing units.

Food-Hygiene The comparative rarity of complaints, and of food-poisoning, reflects the general high standard of food-hygiene in the Borough. Your Council should however, continue to encourage & assist the Officers in maintaining a high standard of hygiene and sanitation in all food shops and catering establishments.

General Sanitation & Hygiene

Apart from the construction of the new sewerage scheme, there is no major sanitary problem in the District. The Council has borne my condemnation of the Borough drainage for many years. We have been fortunate in escaping trouble in the past. But your Health officers, and many others, will feel much happier on completion of the new scheme. The comparatively high cost will be more than off-set by the higher standard of hygiene, and amenities, in the Borough.

Office Accommodation

I must point out that some of the Staff are working under adverse conditions, due to their unsatisfactory office facilities. In particular the accommodation in the basement at 2 Picton Place, and the staff located in the Old Council Offices in St Mary's Street.

I would suggest, as a matter of urgency, that an Office Accommodation Sub-Committee should investigate this problem.

Conclusion.

I should like to thank the Chief Public Health Inspector, and the Assistant Inspector for their continued efficient day-today running of the Health Department. Also on behalf of them and myself the other Officers & Departments of the Council for ever-ready assistance & advice.

In conclusion I would thank all the Members of the Council for their courtesy and consideration throughout another year.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant



Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY
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Summary of Vital Statistics.

Estimate Mid-year (1961) Population	=	8,690.
General Death Rate	=	13.2/1000 population
General Birth Rate	=	26.3/ " "
Cancer Death Rate	=	2.7/ " "
Infant Mortality Rate	=	13.5/1000 Live Births
Tuberculosis Death Rate	=	Nil.

Comparative Population Table.

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Population.</u>	<u>Natural Increase & Decrease</u>
1947	7,156	+104
1948	7,220	+46
1949	7,300	+37
1950	7,380	+37
1951	7,255	+31
1952	7,284	+36
1953	7,500	+159
1954	7,600	+41
1955	7,890	+82
1956	7,940	+99
1957	8,210	+100
1958	8,230	+101
1959	8,310	+121
1960	8,390	+120
1961	8,690	+110

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BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATES.

Classification of Births.

	Male.	Live Female.	Total.	Still Male.	Female.	Tot
Legitimate	103	116	219	3	2	5
Illegitimate	1	1	2	1	0	1
	104	117	221	4	2	6

General Birth Rates.

General Birth Rate for Borough for 1961	=	26.3/1000 population
General Birth Rate for Pembrokeshire "	=	18.3/ " "
General Birth Rate England & Wales "	=	17.4/ " "

Still Birth Rates.

Still Birth Rate for Borough for 1961	=	23.1/total Births.
Still Birth Rate for Pembrokeshire "	=	24.0/ " "
Still Birth Rate England & Wales "	=	18.7/ " "

Comparative Table.

Year.	Live Births.	Still Births.	Illegitimate Births.	Birth Rate.
1948	139	3	13	19.6
1949	131	2	3	18.2
1950	125	3	5	16.9
1951	117	1	3	16.1
1952	119	8	4	16.3
1953	140	2	7	17.8
1954	143	8	10	17.6
1955	160	1	5	18.7
1956	180	1	9	20.9
1957	185	4	2	20.5
1958	192	3	6	21.2
1959	213	4	5	26.2
1960	213	8	2	25.3
1961	221	6	3	26.3

Discussion of Birth Statistics.

The Birth Rate was the highest over the past 14 years.

There was a reduction in the number of Still Births, and a slight increase in the number of Illegitimate Births.

DEATHS AND DEATH RATES.

Classification of Deaths

	male.	Female.	Tot.
Diseases of Heart & Circulatory System	18	22	40
Diseases of Brain & Nervous System	9	17	26
Cancer (all forms)	14	9	23
Diseases of Respiratory System	5	3	8
Violent Deaths	1	5	6
Diseases of Digestive System	2	1	3
Infant Deaths	1	2	3
Diseases of the Blood	1	0	1
Diseases of Kidneys & Urinary System	1	0	1
	52	59	111

Deaths in Age-Groups:-

0 - 1 years	= 3	30 - 50 Years	= 7
1 - 15 "	= 2	50 - 70 "	= 43
15 - 30 "	= 2	70+ "	= 54

General Death Rates.

General Death Rate for Borough for 1961	= 13.2/1000 population
General Death Rate for Pembrokeshire "	= 12.8/ " "
General Death Rate England & Wales "	= 12.0/ " "

Cancer Mortality

Classification of Deaths.

Abdominal
Respiratory
Others

Male.	Female.	Total.
3	4	7
9	1	10
2	4	6
14	9	23

Age Groups:-	0 - 30 years	= 3
	30 - 50 "	= 3
	50 - 70 "	= 13
	70 + "	= 5

Cancer Death Rates.

Cancer Death Rate for Borough for 1961	= 2.7/1000 population
Cancer Death Rate England & Wales "	= 2.2/ " "

Infant Mortality

Classification of Deaths.

Development Defects.

Male.	Female.	Total
1	2	3

Age group:- All in period 0 - 4 weeks.

Infant Mortality Rate.

Infant Mortality Rate for Borough for 1961	= 13.5/1000 Live Births.
" " " " Pembrokeshire "	= 22.2/ " " "
" " " " England & Wales "	= 22.4/ " " "

Violent Deaths.

Classification of Deaths.

Home Accidents
Road Accidents
Suicide

Male.	Female.	Total.
0	4	4
1	0	1
0	1	1
1	5	6

Tuberculosis Mortality

Nil during the year.

COMPARATIVE MORTALITY TABLE

Year	No. of Deaths	Death Rate.	No. of Cancer Deaths		Total.	Home Acc.	Violent Deaths.		Others.	Total.	No. Infant Mortality	Infant Deaths
			Respiratory.	Others.			Road Acc.	Others.				
1948	93	12.8	N. Record	N. Record.	15	-	-	-	2	2	5	35.9
1949	94	12.9	1	12	13	2	-	-	1	3	5	38.1
1950	88	11.9	3	14	17	-	-	-	-	3	4	32.0
1951	86	11.9	1	13	14	2	1	1	1	4	3	17.6
1952	83	11.3	1	13	14	1	1	1	-	2	3	25.2
1953	81	10.8	3	14	17	-	-	-	3	3	1	7.1
1954	104	13.4	1	20	21	3	2	2	3	8	4	27.6
1955	78	8.9	4	10	14	2	-	-	1	3	1	6.2
1956	81	10.9	4	12	16	2	1	1	-	3	4	22.2
1957	85	11.5	1	7	8	1	-	-	-	1	2	10.8
1958	91	11.5	1	17	18	5	2	2	2	9	2	10.4
1959	97	11.6	1	17	18	2	1	1	-	3	6	27.5
1960	93	11.1	5	8	13	1	2	2	2	5	6	28.1
1961	111	13.2	10	13	23	4	1	1	1	6	3	13.5
No deaths from Tuberculosis in the Borough since 1952.												

Discussion of Mortality Statistics

The General Death Rate increased over the preceding year, and was somewhat higher than the National & County Rates.

The number of Cancer Deaths increased considerably. There was a small increase in Accidental Deaths.

On the other hand there was a large decrease in the number of Infant Deaths.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Incidence During 1961.

The following were notified during the year:-

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Measles.	132	125	257
Whooping Cough.	1	0	1
Pneumonia	0	1	1
Dysentery	1	1	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	2	3
Non Pulmonary " "	1	0	1

Comparative Table of Notifications.

Year:-	'48	'49	'50	'51	'52	'53	'54	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61
Measles.	11.	4.	6.	252.	1.	70.	0.	39.	30.	81.	177.	6.	3.	257
Whooping Cough.	15	37	0	28	11	2	17	8	0	47	1	4	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	2	2	2	5	3	4	2	3	11	0	2	7	2	0
Pneumonia	0	0	2	0	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	0	0	0	8	0	0	3	4	6	0	0	1	15	2
Enteric	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cerebrospinal Fever	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Poisoning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS

Incidence of Pulmonary Tuberculosis during 1961

Following fresh cases were notified:-

Male = 1
Female = 2 Total 3

Age groups:- 30 - 50 years = 1
 50+ " = 2

Incidence of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis for 1961

One fresh case notified, Male.

Age group: 1 - 15 years.

Comparative Table.

Year.	<u>Pulmonary Tuberculosis.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis</u>	
	<u>Fresh Cases.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Fresh cases</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
1948	10	3	1	1
1949	7	3	1	0
1950	1	2	2	2
1951	8	3	2	1
1952	2	0	2	0
1953	1	3	0	0
1954	2	0	1	1
1955	5	0	1	0
1956	2	0	0	0
1957	3	0	0	0
1958	6	0	0	0
1959	2	0	1	0
1960	1	0	0	0
1961	3	0	1	0

ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE & SANITATION.

MILK SUPPLIES.

Milk Vendors.

There are 8 milk retailers in the Borough. Seven of these supply bulk milk from the D.M.P. Factory at Merlins Bridge, this milk being heat treated.

One retailer supplies un-treated T.T.Milk.

Dairies.

There is one Dairy at Merlin's Bridge which has a heat-treatment plant, the efficiency of same being the responsibility of the Pembrokeshire Council Council.

Milk Sampling.

The general bacteriological sampling of milk supplies is now the responsibility of the Pembrokeshire County Council. During the year, however, several samples were taken, some on our behalf, and some on behalf of the County Council.

The results of these samples were as follows:-

	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Doubtful.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
General consumer level.	6	0	2	8
Schools.	<u>27</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27</u>
	33	0	2	35

It is the intention of the Public Health Department to take routine Biological samples of milk (for presence of Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, and other organisms.

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WATER SUPPLIES.

Sources of supply

1. PRESCELLY

The Prescelly gathering grounds and impounding Reservoir (Capacity = 160,000,000 gallons), are situated in North East Pembrokeshire. As a constituent member of the Prescelly Water Board, the Borough has an allocation from this source. The present allocation is 600,000 gallons per day. This water is a typical upland surface water, being soft and somewhat acid. It is relatively free from pollution, and passes through a modern filtration and chlorination plant before entering the main trunk. The Chemical and Bacteriological conditions of the water is controlled at source by routine sampling, (organised by the Engineer of the Prescelly Water Board).

2. CROWHILL.

This is a shallow well on the western bank of the Western Cleddau, situated approximately one mile from the Borough. The supply is fluctuating, but the average 91,000 gallons per day can be provided from this source. The supply is used as an auxiliary to augment the main supply.

General

Average daily consumption in Borough during 1961 = 518,000 gallons.
" " " per head of population = 61 "

No. of new premises connected during 1961 = 38
No. of re-newals of old premises " " = 20
% of premises in Borough with piped supply = 99.8.

Comparative Table.

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Average Daily consumption.</u>
1948 ..	280,000 gallons.
1949 ..	311,350 "
1952 ..	324,300 "
1954 ..	436,000 "
1958 ..	438,102 "
1959 ..	425,000 "
1961 ..	518,000 "

Water Sampling.

Routine general bacteriological sampling was continued during the year, with the co-operation of the Public Health Laboratory, Carmarthen. Results were as follows:-

	Satisfactory.	Doubtful	Unsatisfactory.	Tot.
Consumer level.	38	6	0	44
Source level.	1	0	2	3
	39	6	2	47

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FOOD CONTROL.

Routine visits were carried out during the year to ensure the Food premises complied with the Regulations.

Several verbal warnings and informal notices were served. One warning letter sent by Clerk of the Council. No prosecutions instituted.

Food Stuffs Condemned.

Canned Products,

Cooked Ham	..	43	tins.
Tomatoes	..	19	"
Pears	..	16	"
Peaches	..	14	"
Apricots	..	13	"
Spaghnetti	..	12	"
Ox Tongue	..	11	"
Corned Beef	..	9	"
Pork	..	9	"
Pineapple	..	7	"
Luncheon Meat	..	6	"
Liver	..	6	"
Grape Fruit	..	6	"
Rasberries	..	4	"
Tomato Juice	..	4	"
Fruit Cocktail	..	2	"
Prawn Patte	..	4	"
Fruit Salad	..	3	"
Blackcurrant	..	3	"
Beans	..	3	"
Chicken	..	2	"
Minced Meat loaf	..	2	"
Pineapple Juice	..	2	"
Saverkraut	..	2	"
Miscellaneous	..	7	"

Packed Products.

Skinless Sausages	..	30	packets.
Marshmallow	..	73	"

Open foods.

Sausages	..	77	lbs.
Pork, Veal & Tongue	..	278	"
Ham & Bacon.	..	205	"
Beef	..	591	"
Fresh Fruit	..	1572	"
Fresh Vegetables	..	384	"
Cakes	..	182	"
Butter & Margarine	..	61	"
Cornish Pasties	..	6	"
Pork Faggots	..	12	"
Steak & Kidney Bies	..	18	"
Pork Pies	..	258	"
Peaches	..	219	"
Grapefruit	..	47	"
Cucumbers	..	23	"
Melons	..	7	"
Cress	..	3 doz	trays.

Frozen foods.

Cream, Ice-Cream, Lollies.	240	items.
Rolls & Sponges	38	"
Prepared meat.	40	"
Vegetables	19	"
Fruit	8	"
Fish	25	"

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ICE - CREAM.

One Producer-Retailer, and 49 Retailers, in the Borough. The bulk of Ice-cream offered for sale is pre-packed.

Routine general bacteriological sampling was continued during the year, with the co-operation of the Public Health Laboratory, Carmarthen.

The results of sampling were as follows:-

	Producer.	Retailer.	Total.
Grade I (Highly Satisfactory)	7	36	43
Grade II(Satisfactory)	1	13	14
Grade III(Doubtful)	1	8	9
Grade IV(Unsatisfactory)	3	3	6
	12	60	72

Approximately 80% Satisfactory Samples.

MINERAL WATERS.

There is one local producer of Mineral Waters. Standard of hygiene in production is good.

Fish & Chips Shops.

There are 6 of these establishments in the Borough. All are routinely inspected, and are well maintained.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 6 bakehouses in the Borough. All are routinely inspected. They are generally well maintained.

HOTELS, CAFES, RESTAURANTS.

There are 8 Hotels, 11 restaurants, 5 snack bars, and 2 mobile canteens, in the Borough. All are regularly inspected and generally, well maintained.

FOOD POISONING.

Nil to report for 1961.

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MEAT INSPECTION.

There is one Municipal Slaughtcrhouse in the Borough, which also caters for a large area of Western Pembrokeshire.

It requires considerable structural alterations and improvements to comply with modern regulations and standards.

The Public Health Staff inspect all animals slaughtered, particularly post-mortem.

Summary of Animals killed in 1961.

Cattle	=	3,278
Calves	=	131
Sheep & Lambs	=	12,728
Pigs	=	4,494
Bacon	=	2 84
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Total	=	20,915

Whole carcasses condemned

Tuberculosis	=	0	
Other causes	=	90	Total 90

Partial Carcasses Condemned

Tuberculosis	=	86	
Other causes	=	608	Total 650.

Comparative Table.

Year.	Total Animals Killed.	No. of T.B. Reactors.	Whole carcasses condemned.	Partial Condemnations.
1947	18,090	N.R.	44	N.R.
1948	14,121	"	N.R.	N.R.
1949	26,636	"	181	N.R.
1950	19,146	"	252	N.R.
1951	17,074	"	261	6,885
1952	18,109	174	261	N.R.
1953	22,928	N.R.	189	9,841
1954	21,425	433	433	N.R.
1955	15,038	323	62	786
1956	15,511	178	45	589
1957	16,101	210	68	609
1958	18,858	113	59	N.R.
1959	20,490	117	66	1,040
1960	19,020	250	79	776
1961	20,915	105	90	650

N.R. = Not recorded.

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FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS ACT

The following is a summary of premises involved, inspected etc.

Premises. +	No. on Register.	No. of Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions
Sections 1 ~ 6	34	30	-	-
Section 7	70	74	2	-
Other premises	17	14	-	-
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	121	118	2	-
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+ Refer to Factories & Workshops Acta.

The only defects noted were in respect of Sanitary accommodation. 4 cases remedied by verbal & written notices.

No cases referred to Her Majesty's Inspector. 2 cases referred by Her Majesty's Inspector.

Outworkers.

All dealing with wearing apparel.

No. listed = 5

No. in default = 5

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HOUSING.

Record of Council Housing Buildings.

Pre 1945	...	248 units.
1946/47	...	50
1948	...	20
1949	...	42
1950	...	36
1951	...	47
1952	...	103
1953	...	130
1954	...	93
1955	...	101
1956	...	43
1957	...	30
1958	...	10
1959	...	2
1960	...	46
1961	...	14
Total		1015 Units.

Housing Demand.

The following applications for re-housing were held at 31.12.61:-

Ordinary Rental	...	221	
Ability to pay	...	66	
Old People's Bungalows.		35	Total = 322.

Housing Units proposed to be completed in 1962.

Old Peoples Bungalows = 10

Improvement Grants 1961.

	Discretionary.	Standard.	Total.
1. No. of applications.	15	0	15
2. No. rejected, withdrawn of deferred.	1	0	1
3. No. completed.	12	0	12
4. No. in progress	19	0	19
5. No. awaiting start	7	0	7
	54	0	54

Comparative Table.

Year.	No. of grants completed.	
1954	0	
1955	17	
1956	30	
1957	21	
1958	15	
1959	13	
1960	18	
1961	12	Total = 126.

General.

No. of Housing Inspections carried out	=	350
No. of certificates of Dis-repair	=	0
No. of undertakings to repair completed	=	1

GENERAL SANITATION & HYGIENE

Rodent Control.

The following is a summary of Rodent work carried out during the year:-

	Surveys.	Mice.	<u>Treatment</u> Rats.	Total.
Dwelling Houses	729	148	87	235
Business Premises	107	21	8	29
Sewers	-	-	2	2
Refuse Tip	2	-	1	1
Agricultural	26	-	1	1
Local Authority Premises	31	1	6	7

Refuse Collection & Disposal.

Twice weekly collection by side loading vehicles. In the interests of hygiene the time schedule for collection should be as regular as possible.

Refuse is tipped on the Priory Saltings. The tip is reasonably well maintained. It is routinely treated for fly & rodent infestation. there are still seasonable complaints of fly nuisance from neighbouring premises.

Disinfection & Disinfestation.

The following is a summary of premises treated for infestation:-

Ants	=	21	premises.
Cockroaches	=	11	"
wasps	=	2	"

One house was fumigated at the request of new owner.

Several anti-pigeon campaigns were carried out following complaints of property owners in the town centre.

Clean Air Act.

One formal notice for continual burning of rubbish was served.

Complaints still received in department of Smoke nuisance from Fenton School Meal Centre.

Moveable Dwellings.

The gypsy-type dweller is still a big problem, particularly in the Merlin's Bridge area.

The only practical solution to the problem is the provision of an Itinerant Camping Centre. This question was discussed, as a joint project, with the Rural District Council, but was shelved.

It should again be pursued.

Pet Shops. One in the Borough. Regularly inspected. Standard of hygiene reasonably good.

Mortuary.

The Mortuary is situated in St Thomas Green, and is used and maintained jointly with the Haverfordwest Rural District Council.

The building is old, and although considerably improved some years ago, still falls a good deal short of the standard of modern mortuaries.

National Assistance Act.

One burial undertaken by the Council under the above Act.

Sewerage & Sewage Disposal.

The Sewage flow from approximately 80% of the built up portion of the Borough, together with the sewage flow from certain adjacent areas of the Haverfordwest Rural District is disposed of in crude form into the River Cleddau.

The Western section of the Borough is drained to the partial treatment works at Merlins Bridge, operated jointly by the Borough and Rural District.

The Council has agreed, in principle, to a new sewerage and sewage disposal scheme. Following a Public Inquiry, the Welsh Board of Health has given approval for the scheme.

It is hoped that, in the interest of hygiene and amenity, an early start will be made in the new Drainage Scheme for the Borough.

34 defective drains were dealt with during the year.

Public Conveniences.

There are 5 Public Conveniences in the Borough, and the public is reasonably well catered for in this respect.

A further convenience in the Quay Street Area, however, would be desirable.

There were several complaints during the year regarding the state of some of the smaller conveniences. Unattended conveniences are difficult to maintain in a clean condition. Both for the dignity and health of the Borough, the maintenance of Conveniences in a hygienic state should be a priority.

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